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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR SHIPS MUTSU AND OTTO HAHN

SUMMARY: JAEB DIRGEN IKUTA TOLD US OFFICIALS THAT TESTING OF THE JAPAN NUCLEAR SHIP MUTSU IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN WITHIN A WEEK AND THAT A VISIT OF THE OTTO HAHN TO THE 1975 OKINAWA EXPOSITION IS BEING CONSIDERED.

1. AN AUGUST 8TH MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY DIR FOR TECHNOLOGY SCIAE, USAEC ACTING SCIREP AND JAEB DIRGEN, TOYOAKI IKUTA, WAS TO BE A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ATOMIC ENERGY MATTERS BUT CONCENTRATED MOSTLY ON JAPANESE NUCLEAR SHIP MUTSU. IKUTA SAID THAT THE MUTSU WILL MOST LIKELY LEAVE PORT WITHIN A WEEK AND GO SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC TO BEGIN STARTUP AND CRITICAL TESTING OF ITS REACTOR. AFTER A SERIES OF SIX TESTS THE MUTSU WILL BE TURNED OVER TO MARITIME AUTHORITIES FOR OPERATION SOMETIME NEXT YEAR.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH A DEMONSTRATED SUCCESSFUL AND SAFE OPERATION OF MUTSU, IKUTA EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR US-JAPAN NUCLEAR SHIP TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE AND HOPED THAT THE MUTSU WOULD BE ALLOWED TO VISIT US PORTS.

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3. COMMENT: MUTSU HAS BEEN TIED UP IN ITS HOME PORT OF MUTSU CITY FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS AFTER CONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETED IN OCTOBER 1972. OPPOSITION FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND FISHERMEN'S COOPERATIVES HAVE PREVENTED PRE-OPERATIONAL TESTING AND CRITICAL TESTING OF ITS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. EVEN THE CURRENT PLAN TO SAIL ON DIESEL POWER TO THE PACIFIC FOR CRITICAL TESTING HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTABLE TO THE LOCAL FISHERMEN BECAUSE ANY MOVEMENT OF THE SHIP COULD CREATE A RUMOR OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION AND HURT THE MARKETABILITY OF THEIR PRODUCT. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNOR HAS BEEN REQUESTING THAT THE HOME PORT OF THE MUTSU BE MOVED FROM MUTSU BAY AS A PART OF A SETTLEMENT OF THE MUTSU PROBLEM. APPARENTLY IKUTA FEELS THAT A SETTLEMENT ON THESE PROBLEMS HAS BEEN REACHED.

4. IKUTA SAID THAT A VISIT OF THE FRG SHIP OTTO HAHN TO THE 1975 INTERNATIONAL OCEAN EXPOSITION IN BEING DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, (CHOBYO YARA) THE OKINAWA PREFECURAL GOVERNOR MAY NOT CONSENT TO THE VISIT BECAUSE HE WAS SUPPORTED BY THE JSP AND JCP.

COMMENT: JOINT RENOVATIONIST STRUGGLE COUNCIL. THE REVOLUTIONISTS HAVE OFTEN ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF DISREGARDING THE PEOPLES WELFARE AND LACK OF SUPERVISION OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM.
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